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At the last meeting the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers for the coming year :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	George H. Horn, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Charles S. Welles.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	Ezra T. Cresson.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner, M. D.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner, M. D.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	{	James H. Ridings.
				}	Charles W. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section respectfully reports that the general prosperity noted in other years still continues, though the work of the Conservator is seriously hampered by reason of the crowded condition of the Herbarium shelves.

Meetings have been regularly held except during the Summer recess. Discussions on matters of botanical interest have been frequent, and two original papers of value to general science on the botany of the Peary Expeditions and researches relative to the jelly glands of *Brasenia peltata*, have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the Academy.

Donations to the Herbarium have been liberal: reaching the number of 2,599 species; 2,344 were of flowering plants and ferns, of which 596 were new to our collection.

The Section is free from debt. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	John H. Redfield.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	Charles Schaffer, M. D.
<i>Recording Sec'y and Treasurer,</i>					Stewardson Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,
Vice-Director.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Meetings of the Section have been held at the Academy regularly during the year, except in the summer and in September and October, when most of the members are absent.

The attendance has not been large, but considerable interest has been manifested and communications of value have been made.

The Section has labored under the disadvantage that very few of the present members of the Academy are sufficiently interested in the study of mineralogy and geology to become members of the Section or to take an interest in its meetings.

The officers elected at the annual meeting are as follows:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Theo. D. Rand.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	W. W. Jefferis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	W. W. Jefferis.
<i>Corresponding Secretary and Recorder,</i>						Charles Schaffer, M.D.
						THEO. D. RAND,
						<i>Director.</i>

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

A great deal of important work has been accomplished during the past year in the ornithological department of the museum.

The renovation of the collection has been continued in the manner stated in the previous reports of the Section but a much greater advance has been made in the work owing to the fact that during the spring and summer the taxidermist, Mr. McCadden, was enabled to devote all his time to this department.

In all 2,214 mounted specimens, comprising all of the water birds with the exception of the snipes, plovers and storks, have been carefully examined and the best specimens remounted on walnut or stained stands. The unsightly specimens and duplicates unnecessary for display have been labeled and stored in cases of drawers.

The vast improvement in the appearance of the exhibition cases after the specimens have been remounted is at once apparent to anyone visiting the gallery.

All the information contained upon the old stands has been carefully preserved and all the specimens have been numbered and catalogued.

The study collection of skins remains in an excellent condition and has been rearranged during the year in air-tight tin cases especially provided for it. All the accessions to this collection, numbering